



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: Isabella, "Bella," Grace Oscarson was a courageous and compassionate public servant who devoted her life to protecting communities and the natural world in both Minnesota and Idaho; and

WHEREAS: Born on January 24, 1999, Bella grew up in Minnesota, where her adventurous spirit and caring heart shaped a life of purpose and service; and

WHEREAS: After earning her technical degree in Minnesota, Bella served with the Minnesota Conservation Corps, the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources as a Fire Resource Lead, and most recently as a Crew Module Leader for the Idaho Department of Lands; and

WHEREAS: Bella answered the call to fight wildfires across Minnesota, Idaho, and beyond, serving on assignments in Texas, Missouri, California, and Canada, never taking for granted the trust placed in her by her crew, mentors, and supervisors; and

WHEREAS: Bella's love for protecting people and nature shone through her work and leadership, including her service as both a student and an instructor at the Minnesota Wildfire Academy, where her professionalism, joy, and kindness inspired others; and

WHEREAS: Bella lived her life to the fullest, enjoying the outdoors, cooking, crafting, gardening, reading, and spending time with family and friends; and

WHEREAS: Bella was cherished by colleagues, family, and friends for her joy, quiet faith, playful sense of humor, and unforgettable dance moves, qualities that lifted the lives of all who knew her; and

WHEREAS: Her passion for wildland firefighting extended beyond her work, inspiring her to write a children's book, *The Firebug*, and she was preparing to complete her degree in Emergency Management and Homeland Security; and

WHEREAS: Isabella Grace Oscarson died in the line of duty on September 26, 2025, while serving bravely as a wildland firefighter at a prescribed burn in Idaho; and

WHEREAS: With deepest gratitude, the State of Minnesota recognizes Isabella "Bella" Grace Oscarson for her extraordinary service, sacrifice, and leadership, and extends its condolences to her parents, Kelvin and Kathleen; her partner, Matt; her siblings, Anarosa, Jacob, and Sophia; and her extended family, colleagues, and friends.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM WALZ, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby order all United States flags and Minnesota flags to be flown at half-staff at all state buildings in the State of Minnesota, from sunrise to sunset on Saturday, October 4, 2025, in honor and remembrance of Isabella Grace Oscarson.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 2nd day of October.




GOVERNOR


SECRETARY OF STATE